

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. ~~11~~ 9 is a rear ~~view~~ view of a conventional portable phone.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The permanent magnet 120 is provided at the same surface where the display portion 112 of the upper housing 101b is provided. The hall element 111 is provided at the surface of the lower ~~upper~~ housing ~~101b~~ 101a which opposes to the surface of the ~~lower~~ upper housing ~~101a~~ 101b when the lower housing 101a and the upper housing 101b are closed. When the lower housing 101a and the upper housing 101b are closed, the permanent magnet 120 approaches the hall element 111, which in turn detects the permanent magnet 120 and transmits a detection signal to the control portion 119.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The I/O plug (a contact plug for a radio signal system and an audio or image signal system) 121 is a plug for inputting and outputting data from and to an external device and is attached to the I/O connector (an interface connector) 114 from the outside of the housing 101. The UIM card 122 is attached to the UIM card connector 115 from the outside of the housing 101. The UIM card connector 115 is covered by a battery cover ~~117a~~ 107a which is attached to the battery 107.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 23, and ending on page 16, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The battery attachment portion 101c is a portion to which the battery 107 is attached and has a concave shape with respect to the lower housing 101a. The step portions 101d and 101e are portions

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protruded in the attachment direction of the battery 107 with respect to the bottom surface of the battery attachment portion 101c. Incidentally, the portions (the battery attachment portion 101c and the step portion 101d) covered by the battery cover ~~117a~~ 107a when the battery 107 is attached to the lower housing 101a corresponds to a battery housing portion recited in claims. The SD card 123 is attached to the SE card connector 116 from the outside of the housing 101. The opening portion 134 of the SD card connector 116 is arranged to be covered by the open/close lid 125 which can be opened and closed with respect to the lower housing 101a.